

Application No. 09/919,831
Reply to Office Action of July 18, 2003

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Title at page 1, line 2, with the following rewritten Title:

NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES ENCODING O-SUCCINYLMETHIONINE
SULFHYDRYLASE ~~New nucleotide sequences which code for the metR and metZ genes~~

Please replace the Abstract at page 46 in its entirety with the attached substitute

Abstract: